# Exhibit A-4

CLERK OF THE COURT	PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
Rosa Norsworthy, District Clerk	WILLIAM MARCUS WILKERSON
121 N. Austin, Room 202	595 ORLEANS SUITE 1130
Jasper, Texas 75951	BEAUMONT TX 77701
409-384-2721	409-212-9655

# CAUSE NO. 39755 FOR RETURN

# THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICE

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TO: DEFENDANT

Lowes Home Improvement

By and through its registered agent Corporation Service Company

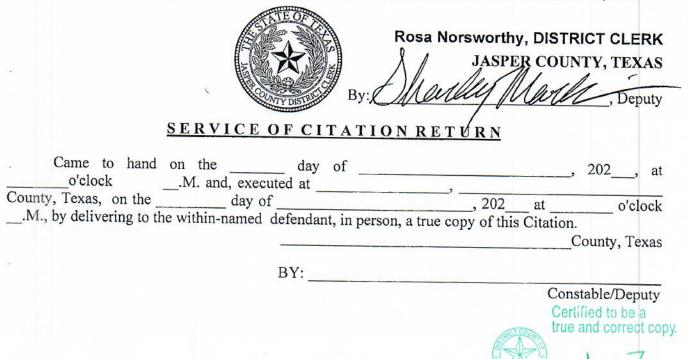
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# WILLIAM PAUL MORGAN VS. LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT

The officer executing this writ shall serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Jasper, Texas, this date: October 28, 2021



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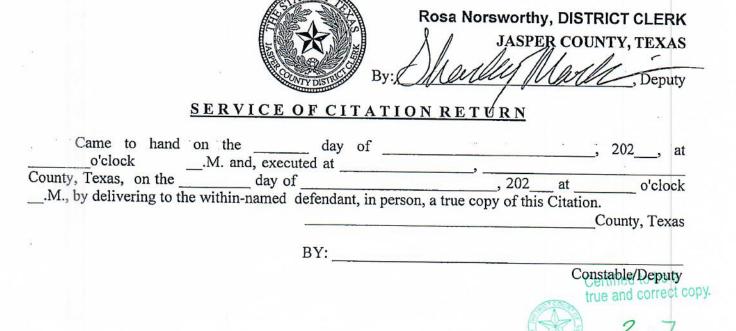
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Sharley Markovich, Deputy

IN THE DISTRICT COURT §

VS. JUDICIAL DISTRICT

00000000 LOWE'S HOME IMPROVMENT, Defendants.

WILLIAM PAUL MORGAN,

Plaintiff,

JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

# PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, William Paul Morgan, Plaintiff herein, and complains of LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT, Defendant herein and for cause of action would show unto the Court as follows:

#### I. DISCOVERY

1. Discovery should be conducted under Level II in accordance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.

#### II. PARTIES AND JURIDICTION

- 2. William Paul Morgan, Plaintiff in this cause, is an individual who resides at 11235 Ridgecrest St. Lumberton, Texas 77657. The last three digits of his Social Security Number are 888. The last three digits of his Driver's License Number are 379.
- 3. Lowe's Home Improvement, Defendant in this cause is company who may be served by and through its registered agent Corporation Service Company located at 2626 Glenwood Ave. Ste 550, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27608. Issuance of Citation is requested at this time.
- 4. Plaintiff seeks damages of more than \$10,000.00 and less than \$100,000.00 including all fees, interest, and attorney fees sought herein. Such damages are within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

#### III. FACTS

- 5. On Saturday, August 7th, 2021, Plaintiff went to Lowe's Home Improvement, located at 900 West Gibson, Jasper, TX 75951 to purchase sheet metal.
- 6. Plaintiff approached the sheet metal stacked in the standing position to retrieve the sheet metal he intended to purchase. Plaintiff struggled to retrieve the sheet metal due to the way Defendant had it stored.



- 7. When Plaintiff turned to load the sheet metal, the entire stack fell, hitting Plaintiff in the back of the neck and trapping him underneath its weight.
- 8. Lowe's associates idly stood by and did not assist in freeing Plaintiff.
- Plaintiff went to Coastal Urgent Care, LLC located at 1124Burnside Ave. Gonzales, LA 70737 on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for an exam after experiencing lasting upper neck pain from the impact of the sheet metal to the back of his neck.
- 12. After Plaintiff incident, Lowe's associates set the sheet metal back up in the same way, making no adjustments to assure no future injuries occur.
- 13. Defendant, Lowe's Home Improvement, refused to give Plaintiff a copy of the incident report.
- 14. Defendant alleged that there are not cameras in that section of the store to view the incident.

## IV. NEGLIGENCE

- 13. Defendant owed a duty of care to Plaintiff to do everything reasonably possible to ensure their customers are safe from dangerous conditions that might cause injuries.
- 14. Defendant breached its duty of care to Plaintiff by allowing Plaintiff to be injured as a result of dangerous conditions.
- 15. Defendant did not assist Plaintiff in the incident and refused to provide him with an incident report.
- 16. Plaintiff's injury was directly caused by Defendant's breach of duty in keeping materials safely stored.
- 17. After Plaintiff's injury, Defendant made no changes to prevent future injury from occurring.

## V. PREMISES LIABILITY

- 18. Plaintiff was an invitee who was on the premises at the express or implied invitation of Defendant as a member of the public for the purpose of mutual economic benefit.
- 19. Defendant owed Plaintiff a duty to warn or make safe any dangerous conditions that they could have discovered with a reasonable inspection. Defendant posed an unreasonable risk of injury by the conditions on the premises that Defendant should have known of.
- 20. Defendant knew of the danger and failed to exercise ordinary care to protect the claimant from the dangers, by failing to adequately warn the claimant of the condition and failing to make that condition reasonably safe.
- 21. Defendant knew of the conditions that caused the injury and took no action to reduce the risks of future injuries.



### VI. ELECTION OF REMIDES

16. Plaintiff provides notice of her intent to exercise her election of remedies to the degree any causes may overlap.

## VII. ATTORNEY'S FEES

18. In order to protect Plaintiff's rights, Plaintiff has been required to retain William Marcus Wilkerson as attorney of record. Under Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code sections 38.001 et seq. Defendant shall be held liable for attorney fees reasonable and necessary to resolve this dispute.

# VIII. NOTICE REGARDING PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

19. All documents produced are self-authenticating in accordance with *Rule 193.7* of the *Texas Civil Rules and Procedures*.

# IX. PRAYER

WHERFORE, Plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited to appear herein and answer, and that upon final trial in this matter Plaintiff have judgment against Defendants and the Court do the following:

- a. Award punitive damages;
- b. Award economic damages;
- c. Award Pre-judgement and Post-judgment interest in favor of Plaintiff at the maximum amount allowed by law;
- d. Assess cost against Defendants;
- e. Award Attorney's fees as applicable; and
- g. Order such other and further relief pertaining to this matter that the Plaintiff is justly entitled to.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ROSA NORSWORTHY, DISTRICT CLERK

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